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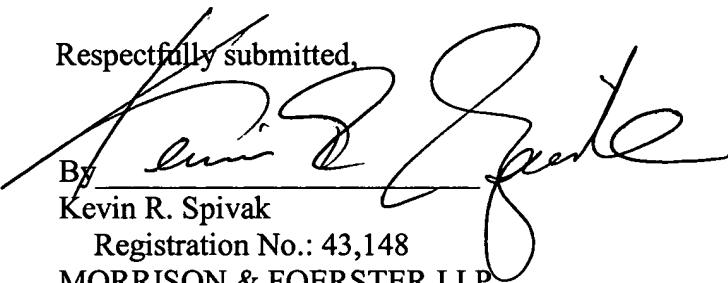
The claims have been amended in the attached Preliminary Amendment to remove multiple dependencies and to place the application in proper U.S. format and to conform with proper grammatical and idiomatic English. None of the amendments herein are made for reasons related to patentability. No new matter has been added.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.

449122077800 However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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